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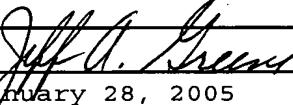
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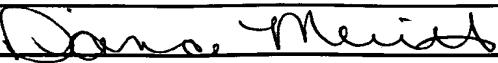
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated December 28, 2004 and to the Official Action dated September 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The claims are being re-submitted with corrections made to the 'status identifiers' of claims 2,4,6-8,11-13 and 15 in order to overcome the Examiner's objections.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. Claims 1-16 remain in this application. Claim 1 has been further amended to make more definite. Applicant

appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter in claims 2, 3 and 9-16. No new matter has been added by this amendment.